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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, VII/4
SUBJECT: The Larie Group

03 1. As a follow up to the 26 January 1961 meeting with you and Mr. [Noel], I intend--subject to your approval--to take the following position with the Lorie group:

a. Bender remains most sympathetic to the group's anti-Castro aims.

b. Bender has carefully examined the Cuban exile picture and the anti-Castro activities inside Cuba and has concluded that:

(1) It would be undesirable to keep yet one more exile group artificially alive.

(2) Inside Cuba unity--especially during the militant phase--is more necessary than ever. Thus to strive for the maintenance of a separate political entity now would be hindering rather than helping inside Cuban unity.

(3) To supply new existing, provable resistance elements in Cuba is of greatest importance.

3. As the result of a and b above:

(1) Bendor regrets that he cannot supply funds for the maintenance of the MRRD.

(2) However, Bender will ask his military colleagues to explore with the MRDO whether its boat and radio can be fitted into the over-all military effort under existing criteria.

(3) Bender group of political representatives would like to remain in friendly contact with the MRD to exchange views, ideas, information, and insure continuing good relations now and after Castro's overthrow.

2. Your approval of the above is requested.

GERARD DE SILLÉ

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CONCUR: JAMES NOSL

APPROVED: J. D. ESTEP-LINE

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